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Sir:

REISSUE PETITION, DECLARATION AND POWER OF ATTORNEY

We, Ying H. So, Robert A. DeVries, Mitchell G. Dibbs, Robert L. McGee, Edward O. Shaffer, II, Michael J. Radler, and Richard P. DeCaire, the named coinventors of U.S. Patent No. 6,361,926 ("the '926 patent"), and the applicants for reissue thereof, declare that:

1. I/We are citizens of the United States residing at 1524 Dilloway Drive, Midland, Michigan 48640, 3408 Greenbrier Terrace, Midland, Michigan 48642, 4410 Trailwood Circle South, Midland, Michigan 48642, 3606 Mary Jane Drive, Midland, Michigan 48642, 820 Honeysuckle Circle, Midland, Michigan 48642,

2712 Colony Drive, Midland, Michigan 48642, and 1975 Carter Ridge Court, Auburn, Michigan 48611, respectively.

2. I/We have reviewed and understand the contents of the specification, including the claims, and the preliminary amendment mailed on March 25, 2004, and believe that we are the original, first, and joint inventors of the "926" invention described and claimed in that specification and for which a reissue patent is being sought.

3. I/We make this declaration under 37 CFR §1.175 in support of this application for reissue of the '926 patent.

4. I/We believe that the '926 patent is partially inoperative or invalid by reason of claiming more or less than we had the right to claim in the patent and/or by reason of a defective specification. Specifically, in preparation of the application that led to the '926 patent certain errors were made. These errors were not discovered until after grant of the '926 patent when a subsequent patent dealing with similar subject matter was being prepared. Such errors arose without any deceptive intention on our part. Specifically, in calculating equivalent weights an error in calculation occurred. The equivalent weight for acid functionality in the polymers which are the subject matter of this application can be calculated as follows:

Step 1: Determine molecular weight of each comonomer being used.

Step 2: Determine mole fraction at which each comonomer is present in the polymer.

Step 3: Multiply the molecular weight of each comonomer by its respective mole fraction and add the products.

Step 4: Divide by the mole fraction at which acid functional comonomers are present.

In performing the calculations of equivalent weight in preparation of this application, step 4 was inadvertently omitted leading to incorrect equivalent weights appearing at several points in the '926 patent.

5. The reissue application is broadening in that the operative range for equivalent weight when properly calculated is broader than when the calculation was performed incorrectly.

6. I/We hereby acknowledge our duty to disclose to the Patent and Trademark Office information which is material to the patentability as defined in 37 CFR §1.56.

7. I/We hereby appoint the attorneys listed under our Customer No. 00109, of The Dow Chemical Company, as our principal attorneys of record in connection with the captioned patent, with full power to prosecute this application for reissue and to transact all business in the Patent and Trademark Office in connection therewith. All correspondence should be sent to the address associated with our Customer No. referenced above.

8. I/We hereby declare that we understand the English language, and that all statements made herein of our own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the United States Code and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issuing thereon or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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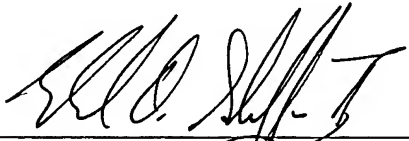
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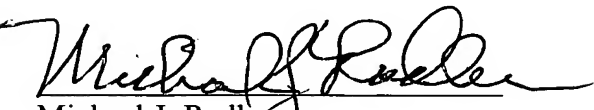
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